During 2011 and 2012, the School of Public Health (SOPH) hosted a number of distinguished visitors, some of whom visit the School on a regular basis. During their visits, seminars were presented as follows:

- **Sally Guttmacher**, Professor, Public Health Program, New York University, USA.  
  ‘Interrupted education: A public health risk for migrant youth’ (part of the HIV-in-Context seminar series)  
  (19 January 2011)

- **Lesley Doyal**, Professor of Health and Social Care, University of Bristol, UK.  

- **Nicholas Freudenberg**, Distinguished Professor of Public Health and Executive Officer, CUNY Doctor of Public Health Programme; Co-director, CUNY Municipal Policy & Childhood Obesity Research Collaborative, USA.  
  ‘The role of municipal government in reducing health inequalities: Lessons from campaigns on childhood obesity in New York City and London’ (5 July 2011)

- **Allyson Pollock**, Professor of Public Health Research and Policy, Queen Mary University of London, UK.  
  ‘National Health System (NHS) privatisation in England’ (3 May 2012)

During 2012 we explored possible institutional collaboration with **Arjun Karki**, professor and founding Vice-Chancellor of Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal. During a Winter School graduation he described the health system challenges in his country and the vision of the newly-established Academy, dedicated to improving the health status of the people of Nepal by producing doctors willing and able to provide health care to disadvantaged communities living in remote or rural areas.

### UWC Honorary Doctorate for Prof Marleen Temmerman

In September 2011, UWC awarded an Honorary Doctorate to Prof Marleen Temmerman in recognition of her longstanding efforts on behalf of gender equality, reproductive health and rights, and research capacity strengthening in Africa in the fields of public health, reproductive health, HIV and gender-based violence.

Prof Temmerman has been working with the Faculty of Community and Health Sciences, and specifically with the SOPH, for the past ten years. She helped conceive and drive the partnership between UWC and the association of Flemish universities in Belgium (VLIR) – particularly the Dynamics of Building a Better Society (DBBS) programme which aims to transform health and education policies and practices related to HIV in South Africa.
Extraordinary Prof Sylvia Tilford

In January 2009 Prof Sylvia Tilford was made an Extraordinary Professor of the School of Public Health (SOPH) in recognition of the long and supportive collaboration we have enjoyed with her – and hope to continue to do so.

We first met Sylvia when she was director of the Centre for Health Promotion Research at Leeds Metropolitan University, when we entered into a British Council-funded project with them. An initial three-year link turned into a six-year formal collaboration, ending in 2004 – after which we have continued to benefit from an informal professional relationship and warm friendship with Sylvia.

The School’s health promotion modules and short courses owe much to Leeds Metropolitan University in general, and to Sylvia in particular. Her textbook written with Keith Tones, *Health Promotion, effectiveness, efficiency and equity*, has become a standard reference for our modules at both Diploma and Masters levels, as have her various other articles and chapters on health promotion. During 2011 and 2012, SOPH’s Ruth Stern and Sylvia undertook a major revision of the Masters-level health promotion distance learning module which they had originally co-authored.

During these last two years Sylvia’s contributions have continued to include ongoing support to SOPH’s health promotion team, supervision of MPH students and examinations of MPH mini-theses. And during what was ostensibly a holiday in Cape Town in 2012, Sylvia agreed to co-facilitate two public events – a full-day workshop on ‘Working in partnerships with communities: Strategies and challenges’ and a more theoretical half-day seminar on ‘Health promoting settings: Challenges in development and the measurement of success’ - each attracting about 40 people.

The School’s staff and students have benefitted enormously from the various generous and informative roles Sylvia has played and will, we hope, continue to play. We are deeply appreciative of her engagement with us and of her friendship – and look forward to enjoying these for many years to come.

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Prof Temmerman is Director of Reproductive Health and Research at the WHO, having headed the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ghent University Hospital, been founding director of the International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH), and Senator in the Belgian Parliament. Her work has been characterized by a deep commitment to justice, scientific rigour and integrity, and social transformation. She has worked in difficult contexts with vulnerable populations: refugees in Europe and victims of sexual violence in Kenya and the DRC — and has contributed to rebuilding academic capacity to confront the multiple dimensions of HIV in Mozambique.

Prof Temmerman demands a lot of herself and her colleagues and engagements with her are invariably immensely enriching. The perseverance and willingness to seek, find, and build on common ground despite differences in perspective and without compromising personal or scientific integrity has been a hallmark of our collaboration and again exemplifies the values this partnership seeks to embody and strengthen. Prof Temmerman has made, and continues to make, an important contribution to building capacity in the School and the University.